

Chapter 71. House Numbering

Sec. 71.01. House numbers required.

For the proper identification of all houses and structures now existing or hereafter to be erected within the City of Saint Paul, the official number, which shall be obtained by the owner from the department of public works, shall be placed and maintained on each house or structure by its owner at or near both the front and rear entrances of such house or structure in such a manner that the number may be easily and clearly seen and read during the hours of darkness as well as daylight, from the public street or public alley if the premises are served by such. If it is not practical to place the number at or near the building entrance, it shall be placed and maintained by the owner in such other suitable location that it can be clearly seen from the said street or alley.

(Code 1956, § 71.01)

Sec. 71.02. Specifications.

The approved house number to be placed and maintained on said house or structure shall consist of one of the types hereinafter set forth. The color of the type to be selected must be in contrast with the color of the house or structure on which the number is to be attached.

- (1) Series of metal or plastic figures with reflectorized surface and a minimum height of three (3) inches, said reflectorized surface to contrast with the color of the face of the building or structure upon which it is mounted.
- (2) Series of nonreflectorized metal or plastic figures placed on a reflectorized background surface of a color which contrasts with the color of the figures displayed. The minimum height of the figures shall be three (3) inches. The reflectorized background surface shall extend at least one inch beyond the sides, tops and bottoms of the figures to be displayed.
- (3) Self-contained unit with enamel or painted numbers of glass or other translucent material with illumination in background. Minimum heights of figure to be three (3) inches and the illumination continuous except in daylight hours.
- (4) Enamel or painted number on glass doors, window or transoms with illuminated background. Minimum height to be three (3) inches and the illumination continuous except in daylight hours.
- (5) A series of metal or plastic figures with minimum height of three (3) inches which are adequately floodlighted continuously except in daylight hours, the surface of said figures to contrast with the color of the surface upon which the figures are mounted. The general design of material used in and fastening of figures making up the number shall be subject to the approval of the city building official. The city building official shall also approve the location on the structure at which the numbers are to be placed.

(Code 1956, § 71.02)

Sec. 71.03. Duplicates.

The requirement for placing the number on the house or structure shall not prohibit the placing of a duplicate number on a standard or elsewhere on the premises.

(Code 1956, § 71.03)

Sec. 71.04. City building official to enforce.

It shall be the duty of the city building official to enforce this chapter, and he shall cause regular inspections to be made to determine that the above provisions have been complied with.

(Code 1956, § 71.04)

Sec. 71.05. Multiple dwellings.

In cases where more than two (2) families residing in separate dwelling units in the same structures are assigned a single house number, the owner of said structure shall cause to have erected at a suitable point near the entrances the names of the occupants together with the corresponding apartment number in which the specified occupant resides.

(Code 1956, § 71.05)

Sec. 71.06. No permits until number has been issued.

Every applicant for a new building permit, any sewer or water connection permit, or private well or individual sewage treatment system permit shall first obtain from the department of public works an official designated number for the structure to be built before such permit or permits shall be issued. Except in the R-LL District, no number shall be issued for property which does not abut upon a graded and surfaced street, or which does not have available for connection public sewer or water services. In the R-LL District, an official designated number may be issued for property which abuts an unimproved street and which is to be served by a private well and/or individual sewage treatment system. The director of the department of public works after consultation with the city planning administrator may waive the requirements for graded street, sewer or water when it is determined that because of unique practical difficulties it is not feasible to install such public sewers, water or grade and surface the adjacent street, and that unimproved streets and lack of public sewer and water systems will not pose a threat to the public health and safety. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the director may appeal the decision to the council of the City of Saint Paul; provided, that such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days from the notification of the director's decision. No waiver granted by the director or city council shall be valid for a period longer than one (1) year from the date of issuance, unless a building permit for the proposed structure is obtained within such period and the construction of the structure is proceeding in accordance with the terms of such permit, unless the director or city council grants an extension not to exceed one (1) year.

(Code 1956, § 71.06; Ord. No. 16920, 5-27-82; Ord. No. 17661, § 1, 6-27-89; Ord. No. 17886, § 1, 11-21-91)